

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES
AROUND THE TEAM**

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion (livestreamed)
10.30am Sunday Club (Parish Rooms)
6.30pm H2H (Parish Rooms)

All Saints Wimbish

10.30am Holy Communion

St James' Swards End

10.30am Morning Praise

St Botolph's Hadstock

9.00am Sunday Worship

Holy Trinity Littlebury

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints Great Chesterford

9.00am iChurch

St Mary's Little Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

TUESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer, Hadstock
9.30am Tinies, Saffron Walden
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, SW

WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer, SW
9.30am Holy Communion, SW
9.30am Building Blocks, Gt Chesterford
5.00pm Evening Prayer - Zoom only, Cam Villages

NEXT SUNDAY 25th May

St Mary's Saffron Walden

8.00am Holy Communion 1662 (livestreamed)
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Taizé style service

St Mary's Debden

9.00am Family service

St John's Little Walden

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints Ashdon

9.00am Sunday Worship

St Peter's Littlebury Green

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Wendens Ambo

9.00am Morning Prayer

All Saints Great Chesterford

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Little Chesterford

7.00pm Compline

**Links for livestreamed services are available on
the website and in the weekly bulletin.
Please contact the Team Administrator
to be added to the mailing list.**

Please send items for the Grapevine to Claire Dunn at
admin@stmaryssaffronwalden.org
by 9.00am on Wednesday.

The Grapevine

**Welcome to our services today
18th May 2025
5th Sunday of Easter**

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 11 v 1-18

Psalm: 148

Second Reading: Revelation 21 v1-6

Gospel: John 13 v 31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

MINISTRY TEAM

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In May please pray for St James', Swards End and St John's, Little Walden and Radwinter Primary school

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Dirk Vettewinkel, Clare Chalmers, Peter Heath

Those whose banns are being read:

Saffron Walden: Douglas Kent & Catherine Peacock

Wendens Ambo: Angus Plumbly & Jessica Juhl

Swards End: George Rutherford & Kitty Baron

Hadstock: Marlon Geen & Georgie Goddard

Wimbish: Robert Cargill & Gemma Barton

EVENTS

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ends today. Your generosity is needed more than ever amongst people in desperate need around the world. Please donate in the envelopes provided. Thank you! *Edward Gildea*

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **St Mary's Music Association** will be held in the Parish Rooms on **Sunday 18th May** at approximately **12noon** following the 10.30am service.

We celebrate Ella's licensing as Team Vicar on **Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm** at St Mary's, Saffron Walden
All are welcome to join the service as she embarks on this new phase of her ministry. Please hold Ella and Toby in your prayers.
Jeremy

DEANERY SYNOD Thursday 22nd May at Holy Trinity, Chrishall **7.30pm for 7.45pm**. All welcome.

MAYOR MAKING SERVICE Saturday 24th May at 11am at St Mary's, SW.

WIMBISH FLOWER FESTIVAL Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June from noon to 4pm. Archdeacon Kate is preaching at the service at **11am** on Sunday.

MOTORBIKE CHALLENGE Rev'd Lynda Sebbage is going to be riding pillion on a motorbike around all twelve churches in the team to raise funds for the Eco Church project at St Mary's, Debden on **Monday 16th June**. Please email her at debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor her.

PET SERVICE on **Sunday 22nd June at 4pm** at St Mary's, Debden. A special service of thanks for our pets. Every pet will receive their own special blessing and a goodie bag to take home. If the weather is good, the service will be outside.

NOTICES

REPAIRS The drains under Church Path outside the Parish Rooms need repairing at St Mary's, SW. To facilitate this **Church Path will be closed to vehicles** and parking on the north side of the church unavailable **commencing Monday 2nd June** for at least one week. The only available parking will be the two disabled spaces on the south side of the church.

CYCLING ACROSS WALES FOR OUR LIGHTING PROJECT, I arrived in Cardiff after 21 hours in the saddle, covering 240 miles and climbing 14,980 feet. Details how to donate your sponsorship electronically can be found at www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org/lighting - please use the reference "Lighting". Cash, or cheques made out to Saffron Walden PCC, can be given to the Parish Office in an envelope addressed to me. Please put your name on the envelope if paying by cash so that I know who it is from! Thank you to all who have sponsored me, more details and photos of the ride are on the display at the back of St Mary's SW. *Steve Hasler*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

The Chesterfords (Gt Chesterford church), 7.30pm
Tuesday 20th May

MICHAEL SWINDLEHURST ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP The churches of St Mary's Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo are now seeking to appoint our next organ scholar for the academic year 2025/26. For more information please visit our website stmaryssaffronwalden.org or contact music@stmaryssaffronwalden.org The closing date for applications is **20th June**. Auditions and interviews are to be held on 6th July.

SUMMER WELCOMERS for St Mary's, SW. If you think you might be able to spare a few hours, on a regular or occasional basis, to welcome visitors to St Mary's, do please add your name to the schedule which is going up on a board in the Church. We are particularly looking for people to do a couple of hours on a Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, between 9.30am and 3.30pm, or Sunday afternoon, although other times are available too. Those would likely be somewhat quieter. Brief training will be given, and crib sheets are available.

The **ECO CHURCH TEAM** at St Mary's, SW is looking for new members and new leadership. Edward is stepping down from his role after 6 years and several team members are moving on. Caring for God's Creation is a vital area of Christian life. Do you feel called to make a contribution? Please contact Edward or Jeremy

LEADING INTERCESSIONS

Are you already writing and leading intercessions, but would like a 'refresher' session? Or are you someone who feels called to do this but feel unsure where to start? If the answer is 'yes' then why not join me in a short and gentle session covering the basics in Debden Church, New Rooms on **Saturday 12th July from 10.00am to 12noon**. Refreshments available. To book please contact Revd Lynda Sebbage: debden.wimbishvicar@gmail.com 01799 796193 **Open to people from all churches in the Deanery.**